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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) A multiple unit building, comprising;
- a concrete foundation;
 - a number of residential units constructed above the concrete foundation, wherein at least some of the number of units are positioned bordering at least a portion of [[an]] a first atrium on a first level having at least a public portion formed above the concrete foundation, each unit including a semi-public area adjacent to an entrance into the unit and adjacent to the first atrium;
 - the public portion having a common area for ingress and egress from outside the building connected to the first atrium;
 - a number of levels including:
 - a basement located below the first atrium;
 - the first level having a floor forming a lower boundary of the first atrium thereon and a first number of units bordering the first atrium;
 - a second level having a second number of units bordering the first atrium; and
 - a third level having a floor and a third number of units bordering a second atrium, wherein the floor of the third level acts as an upper boundary for the first atrium and a lower boundary for the second atrium.

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36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim 35, ~~wherein the building has a number of levels and~~ wherein the concrete foundation is on a forms the floor of the first level and the first atrium extends upward through a number of levels from the floor of the first level.

38. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim ~~[[35]]~~ 53, wherein the common area has an elevator therein for accessing the first atrium from a common entryway located on another of the number of levels of the building.

39. (Currently Amended) A multiple unit building, comprising;
a common entryway leading to an atrium, the atrium bordered by a number of private residential units in which ~~[[the]]~~ residents reside, for ingress and egress of residents to and from their units, the atrium having a public area formed therein;
the number of units each having a semi-public area formed from at least a portion of the atrium and wherein each said semi-public area is adjacent to the public area, the number of units each having a front entrance to the unit facing to the atrium;
wherein the building includes a number of levels stacked one above another, each level includes a number of units bordering at least a portion of an atrium, the number of units bordering the atrium having an entrance to the unit facing the atrium, and wherein a number of levels have a floor that acts as an upper boundary for one atrium and a lower boundary for another atrium.

40. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein each unit has a foyer adjacent to the front entrance.

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41. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein the entryway is connected to a number of different atriums each having a number of units bordering the atrium.

42. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 41, wherein a number of units are arranged back to back such that the back of one unit faces one atrium and the back of the other unit faces the other atrium.

43. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein each unit includes a ~~semi-public unit~~ semi-private area proximate to the unit and wherein ~~the atrium includes a public area~~ the semi-private area is positioned between each the unit and each the semi-public area.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.

46. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein ~~each of the semi-public areas is arranged such that~~ access from the public area to each of the units ~~[[as]]~~ is accomplished by passing through one of the semi-public areas and through the front entrance of the unit.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim ~~[[39]]~~ 43, wherein ~~the building includes a public area within each atrium,~~ each said semi-private area is associated with and proximate to a particular unit and front door into the particular unit.

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49. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim 48, wherein each said front door is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit via the unit's associated and proximate semi-private area.

50. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim ~~[[39]]~~ 43, wherein each semi-private area is adjacent to a particular unit.

51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim ~~[[51]]~~ 35, wherein the second level includes a semi-public area within the first atrium for ingress and egress of residents to the second number of units, a number of ~~semi-public-private~~ areas wherein each ~~semi-public private~~ area is adjacent to a portion of the semi-public area and associated with and proximate to a particular unit of the second number of units and an entry door into the particular unit that is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit from the first atrium, ~~one of the atriums~~.

53. (Currently Amended) A multiple unit building, comprising;
a concrete foundation;
a number of residential units constructed above the concrete foundation, the number of units bordering at least a portion of ~~[[an]]~~ a first atrium on a first level having at least a public portion formed above the concrete foundation, each unit including a semi-public area adjacent to an entrance into the unit and adjacent to the first atrium;
a common area for ingress and egress from outside the building connected to the first atrium; and
a number of levels including:

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the first level having a floor forming a lower boundary of the first atrium thereon and a first number of units bordering the first atrium;

a second level having a second number of units bordering the first atrium; and

a third level having a floor and a third number of units bordering a second atrium, wherein the floor of the third level acts as an upper boundary for the first atrium and a lower boundary for the second atrium; and

wherein the concrete foundation is on a first level and the atrium extends upward through a number of levels.

54. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim 53, wherein the building has ~~a number of levels including~~ a basement located below the first and second atriums.

55. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein each unit has a foyer adjacent to the ~~front~~ entrance to the unit.

56. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein each unit includes a ~~semi-public-unit~~ semi-private area proximate to the unit and wherein the ~~atrium includes a public area~~ semi-private area is positioned between [[each]] the unit and [[each]] the semi-public area.

57. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein each of the semi-public areas is arranged such that access from the public [[area]] portion to each of the units as accomplished by passing through one of the semi-public areas and through the ~~front~~ entrance of the unit.

58. (Canceled)

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59. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim [[58]] 53, wherein the second level includes a public area within the first atrium for ingress and egress of residents to the second number of units, a number of ~~semi-public~~ semi-private areas wherein each ~~semi-public~~ semi-private area is adjacent to a portion of the public area and associated with and proximate to a particular unit of the second number of units and a primary entry door into the particular unit that is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit from one of the atriums.

60. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein the building has a number of levels including a basement located below the atrium.

61. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 60, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.

62. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 54, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.

63. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein at least some of the number of residential units are constructed on the concrete foundation.

64. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the public portion is formed on the concrete foundation.

65. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the atrium is formed on the concrete foundation.

66. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the basement is formed on the concrete foundation.

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67. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim ~~[[51]]~~ 35, wherein the first level is not adjacent to the second level.

68. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit building of claim ~~[[51]]~~ 35, wherein the second level is not adjacent to the third level.

69.-71. (Canceled)